

I am grateful for her dedication to the people of Nevada. She exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and service and should be proud of her long and meaningful career. Today, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Cripps on her retirement, and I give my deepest appreciation for all that she has done to make Nevada a better place. I offer her my best wishes for many fulfilling years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JOE LOMBARDO

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, it is an honor today to personally recognize Mr. Joe Lombardo, who will soon retire from Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah, GA for his significant contributions to the aviation industry. His forethought, leadership, and commitment to improving the industry are evidenced in his 40 years of hard work.

Beginning in 1975, Mr. Lombardo helped pave the way for the future of flight. He started at Douglas Aircraft, a division of McDonnell Douglas Corporation, working on the DC-10/MD-11 Trijet program Mr. Lombardo was later responsible for the MD-88/MD-90 Twinjet production operation.

In 1996, after 20 years at Douglas Aircraft, Mr. Lombardo joined Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah. There he held positions as the vice president of co-production and the chief operating officer. He also served as president from 2007 to 2011 and as the executive vice president of the Aerospace Group for General Dynamics, Gulfstream's parent company.

During his tenure at Gulfstream, Mr. Lombardo was instrumental in the co-production of the Gulfstream IV-SP and Gulfstream GV and the development of the Gulfstream G650 and the Gulfstream G280.

Mr. Lombardo's contributions extend to his community where he served on the Corporate Angel Network's board of directors and as the chairman of the Board of Governors of Ocean Exchange. He is the recipient of the National Management Association's Silver Knight Award and was awarded the Cliff Henderson Trophy by the National Aeronautic Association in 2012 for his aviation leadership.

It is my pleasure to join Mr. Lombardo's colleagues, family, and friends in celebrating his dedicated career and his many contributions to the aerospace industry and community.●

REMEMBERING BOBBY ANDREW

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a man who was well known across my State, and in many circles across our Nation. Bobby Andrew, an Alaska Native Yupik leader, passed away on May 12 at the age of 73 near Aleknagik in southwest Alaska.

Aleknagik is 16 miles northwest of its hub community of Dillingham, a small town of about 2,500 residents, which sits at the confluence of the

Nushagak River, an inlet of Alaska's Bristol Bay.

Bobby was seen as a leader by many Native and non-Native Alaskans. At a young age Bobby attended territorial and BIA schools in Southwest Alaska and then went off to Ohio to earn an accounting degree from Dyke Spencian Business College, now known as Chancellor University in Cleveland. He then returned home to bring his education back to Alaska.

Bobby was a lifelong subsistence hunter and fisherman who was respected by many across the State. He taught many of the importance of traditional knowledge and passing along important Alaska Native values.

Bobby was a known advocate for land and water protection in Alaska. As a writer and public speaker Bobby took his advocacy across the State, Nation, and overseas. He often visited places like Juneau, Washington, DC, and London when asked to speak about Alaska. It was said about Bobby that "anywhere he was needed, he would go . . ."

Bobby was once quoted saying, "I find myself fighting for the future of our renewable fish and wildlife resources. They are the central part of my culture," he said. "We need to let the rest of the world know so we can all work together to protect the environment, air, water and lands that produce subsistence resources on which we depend."

Bobby loved Alaska, loved his family—especially his grandchildren—and he was an important voice for Alaska. He passed naturally at his cabin, a place he loved, where he went to rest after fishing. He will be missed.●

RECOGNIZING COLONEL KEVIN KENNEDY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Colonel Kevin Kennedy, commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, near Rapid City, SD. Colonel Kennedy has been the commander at Ellsworth for the past 2 years, and has served in his position admirably.

Colonel Kennedy began his career at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. He is a B-1 pilot who went on to serve at Ellsworth on multiple occasions, including as deputy commander of the 28th Operations Group as recently as 2010. During his career he also served as the vice commander of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in South West Asia and as the director of the Air Force Strategic Study Group at the Pentagon here in DC.

When he came back to Ellsworth 2 years ago as base commander, my office was working with the Air Force on a 9-year project to expand the Powder River Training Complex, which is the primary training airspace for the B-1 bombers based at Ellsworth, as well as the B-52 bombers based in Minot Air Force Base, ND. When Colonel Kennedy arrived at Ellsworth as base commander, he made the completion of the

Powder River Training Complex one of his top priorities, and he assured me that this airspace expansion would be completed under his watch. This was not a pledge he took lightly. Be it emphasizing the need for this airspace within the Air Force hierarchy or driving out to Montana to meet with Native American tribal leaders, Colonel Kennedy was willing to go the extra mile to bring this airspace home.

As a result of his efforts, in January of this year the Air Force signed the Record of Decision for the Powder River Training Complex expansion, which was approved by the FAA a few months later. Once this airspace is charted and operational, Ellsworth Air Force Base will save up to \$23 million a year by being able to train closer to home. In addition, other aircraft from around the Nation can come to South Dakota to utilize this training space, improving overall readiness. The expanded Powder River Training Complex is a national treasure.

I want to thank Colonel Kennedy for his commitment to this project and for his service to our Nation. He really is a shining example of the dedication and leadership that makes America's Air Force the greatest in the world.●

RECOGNIZING INNOGENOMICS TECHNOLOGIES

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses often have the unique ability to pinpoint serious problems in their communities while working with local agencies and other small businesses to get things done. Sometimes these small businesses provide groundbreaking, innovative technological solutions to problems that have gone unsolved for decades. As we close out National Small Business Week, I am proud to recognize InnoGenomics Technologies of New Orleans, LA, as a Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, Dr. Sudhir Sinha, president and CEO of InnoGenomics Technologies, had the idea to develop a new DNA marker system to aid in identifying victims of natural disasters. Developed with the support of National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research, SBIR, grants, InnoGenomics Technologies' patented technology gives forensic scientists the ability to test the most challenging DNA submissions to solve crimes and save lives. Additionally, the InnoGenomics Technologies team is currently developing a new method to detect and monitor cancer—a liquid biopsy that can be conducted through a minimally invasive blood test. Combined, these two groundbreaking endeavors are advancing and revolutionizing healthcare and forensic investigations.

Congratulations again to InnoGenomics Technologies for being selected as a Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week.